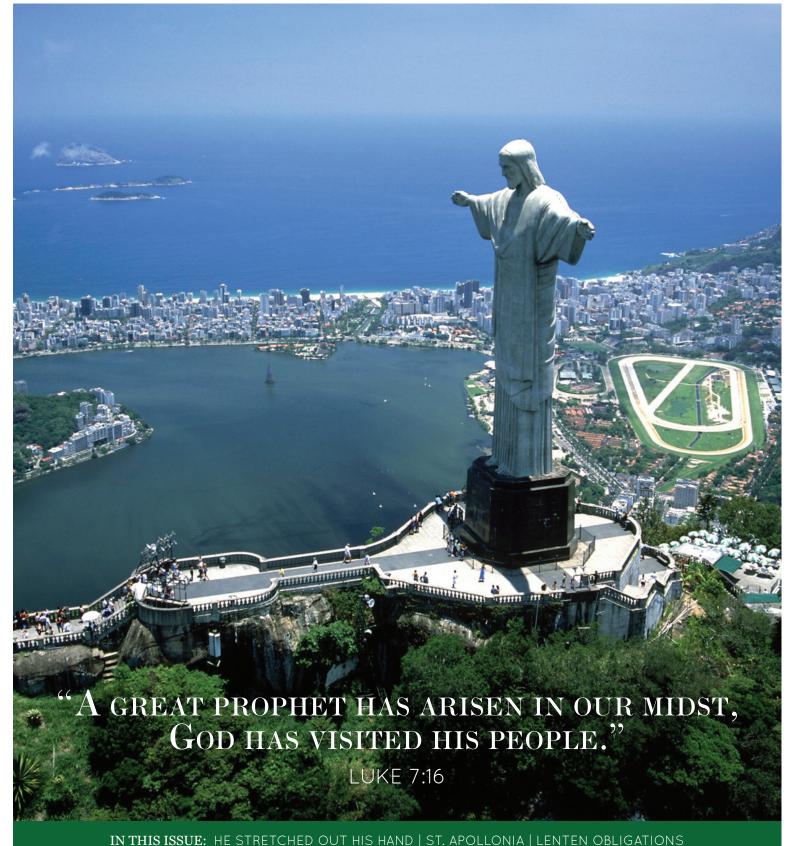


# SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCHES

PARISH BULLETIN | FEBRUARY 11, 2018 | THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME





# "CHRIST REDEEMED US ON THE HARD ARMS OF THE CROSS, AND HIS KNIGHT WILL NOT SERVE HIM IN ANY OTHER WAY."

-SAINT FERDINAND III OF CASTILE

### WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS

Thank you for Celebrating the Mass with us. We are glad that you are here. If you have any questions about our parish or joining the Catholic faith, please contact the Church office for information concerning reception of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony and Anointing of the Sick. Parent interviews for Baptism need to be scheduled with the priest six weeks in advance. Marriage Arrangements need to be made with the priest at least six months in advance. Holy Communion can be brought to the sick on request. If you know of anyone in need please call the office.

### MASS SCHEDULE

### **Saturday Evening Masses:**

St. Ferdinand (Blanco) 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Español)

### **Sunday Morning Masses:**

Good Shepherd (Johnson City): 9:00 a.m. St. Ferdinand (Blanco): 11:00 a.m.

### **Weekday Masses:**

Thursday, St. Ferdinand (Blanco): 8:00 a.m. Thursday, Good Shepherd (Johnson City): 6:00 p.m.

First Friday of Each Month, St. Ferdinand (Blanco): 8:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00 p.m., St. Ferdinand (Blanco) Sunday, 8:30 a.m., Good Shepherd (Johnson City)

### **Websites:**

For a complete list of ministries, contacts, and other resources, please visit our websites:

www.stferdinandblanco.org www.goodshepherdjctx.org

### **OFFICE HOURS**

### **Monday through Friday:**

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### **OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **Mailing Address:**

25 Main St. Blanco, TX 78606

### **Phone Numbers:**

Main Office: (830) 833-5227 Office Fax: (830) 833-9978

### **General Information**

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### **Bulletin Information**

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### STAFF EMAILS

### Rev. Fr. Wade Russell, Pastor

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### **Cathy Cudd, Secretary & Communications**

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### SUNDAY CONNECTION: HE STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND

#### **MEDITATIO**

"Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, [and] touched him ..." This is the action we will meditate on this week. Jesus is the Virgin-born, sinless, Son of God who can heal anyone with a single word. This man comes for healing and rather than speaking that healing word Jesus reaches out and touches the man. Why? What is Jesus trying to teach his disciples with this intimate gesture? This man is a leper, a social outcast, ostracized from family and friends-a man who has become identified as a walking disease rather than as a human being. The man has not been touched by another human since the time of his final diagnosis. He has been alone in the midst of the community that comprised his former way of life. Jesus wants to address the human need to be embraced, to be touched, and to be cared for before he utters the words of healing, "Be made clean!"

We should imagine a collective gasp from the crowd surrounding Jesus as he reaches toward the leper. If Jesus touches him, then Jesus too will be unclean. Why would Jesus subject himself to defilement? What lesson is he trying to convey? That should keep us in meditation for a few moments today. Do we need such a touch ourselves? Who are the lepers in our culture? Who are those who are in need of our human touch and compassion?

#### **ORATIO**

Our prayer this week is the prayer of the leper in the Gospel as he kneels before Jesus. He honors Jesus as a healing agent of God and expresses his faith in Jesus as he cries out, "If you choose, you can make me clean." That is a statement of biblical faith that should inspire us all. "Jesus. I come to you. I am in need of healing. If you choose, you can make me clean!"



### Este Domingo: Lo Tocó con la Mano

#### **MEDITACIÓN**

«Jesús tuvo compasión de él; [y] lo tocó con la mano». Esta es la acción sobre la cual meditaremos esta semana. Jesús es el Hijo de Dios, nacido de la Virgen, sin pecado, que puede sanar a cualquier persona con una sola palabra. Este hombre enfermo se acerca para ser sanado y, en vez de declarar esa palabra sanadora, Jesús extiende su mano y toca al hombre. ¿Por qué? ¿Qué quiere enseñar Jesús a sus discípulos con este gesto íntimo? Este hombre es un leproso, un paria social, excluido de su familia y sus amigos —un hombre que es conocido más por su enfermedad que por su condición de ser humano. No ha sido tocado por otro ser humano desde el momento de su diagnóstico final. Él ha estado solo en medio de la comunidad que constituía su antigua forma de vida. Jesús quiere tratar la necesidad humana de ser abrazados, tocados y cuidados antes de declarar las palabras de curación, «¡Queda limpio!».

Deberíamos imaginar el grito de asombro colectivo de la multitud alrededor de Jesús en el momento de extender su mano hacia el leproso. Si Jesús lo toca, él también será inmundo. ¿Por qué Jesús se sujetaría a la impureza? ¿Qué lección quiere trasmitir? Eso debería mantenernos en meditación por un rato hoy. ¿Necesitamos un toque igual? ¿Quiénes son los leprosos en nuestra cultura? ¿Quiénes son los que necesitan el toque humano y nuestra compasión?

### **ORACIÓN**

Nuestra oración esta semana es la oración del leproso en el Evangelio, en el momento en que se arrodilla ante Jesús. Él honra a Jesús como el agente sanador de Dios y expresa su fe en Jesús con su grito, «Si quieres, puedes limpiarme de mi enfermedad». Esta es una declaración de fe bíblica que debe inspirarnos. «Jesús. Vengo a ti. Necesito ser sanado. iSi quieres, puedes limpiarme!».

### Parish Ministries & Information

### **MASSES & INTENTIONS**

Week of February 10, 2018 - February 17, 2018

**Saturday, February 10th (StF)** 5:00 p.m. Birthday blessings for Helen Heffner

Saturday, February 10th (StF) 7:00 p.m.

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand & Good Shepherd

**Sunday, February 11th (GS)** 9:00 a.m. *Rosary at 8:25 a.m.* Repose of the Soul of Fr. Oliver Weerakkody

**Sunday, February 11th (StF)**Repose of the Soul of Fr. Leonard Leddy

Wednesday, February 14th (StF) 8:00 a.m. For the Health of Betty Abbenante

Wednesday, February 14th (StF) 6:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. Ferdinand & Good Shepherd

Wednesday, February 14th (GS) 7:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, February 15th (StF) 8:00 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Fr. Leonard Leddy

Thursday, February 15th (GS) 6:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Fr. Robert Becker

**Saturday, February 17th (StF)** 5:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Walter Heffner offered by his family

**Saturday, February 17th (StF)** 7:00 p.m. (Español) Benediciones para la Communidad Hispania

For Mass intention inquiries, please stop by the St. Ferdinand Parish Office during regular business hours or call (830) 833-5227.

#### FEBRUARY 11 SECOND COLLECTIONS

StF & GS - Catholic Higher Education

### COLLECTIONS STATEMENT

Week of February 4, 2018

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

 Regular Collection
 \$4,173.52

 Building Fund
 \$1,288.15

**Good Shepherd** 

 Regular Collection
 \$1,559.00

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 \$2,184.10

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce
Then will your barns be filled with plenty, with new wine your vats will overflow.

- Proverbs 3:10

### PRAYER LIST

Please pray for parishioners' spiritual, mental and physical needs.

Cynthia Ford, Ralph Moss, George Richey, Charles McKinney, Nellie Upshaw, Naomi Michalsky, Charles Reinert, Pam Woods, Clara Jo Bindseil, Wyatt Ledesma, Lucille Scharnhorst, Joe D. Riba Sr., Ruben Gonzales, Clifford Lane, Polo Zamora, Liz Marchand, and Roselle Wagner Fischler

If you or someone you know needs prayer in a special way, please email: bulletin@stferdinandblanco.org. Prayer intentions will be listed here for two weeks at a time unless extenuating circumstances warrant further publication.

### GOOD SHEPHERD VOCATIONS CHALICE

If your family feels called to pray with the Chalice, please contact Warren Davis before or after Mass or by calling him directly at 713-569-9491.

### -JOHN 10:27

### Parish Ministries & Information, Cont'd

# Parish Organizations & Meeting Times

### St. Anne's Altar Society

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall.

### **Good Shepherd Men's Club**

Meeting times to be announced.

### **Knights of Columbus**

Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand parish hall.

### Catholic Daughters Of The Americas

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand parish hall.

#### **ACTS Core Team:**

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p. m. in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

#### St. Ferdinand's Parish Choir

Meets Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. Call 830-833-4939 for more information.

### **Good Shepherd Children's Choir:**

Meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

#### St. Ferdinand Youth Choir:

Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10 a.m. in the St. Ferdinand Chapel

### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Meets Thursday nights from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand RE Building.

### **Women's Bible Study:**

Meets every Thursday at 1 p.m.. in the Good Shepherd RE Building. Contact Karen Gebhardt at 210-414-7301 or kgebhardt52@gmail.com.

### **Disaster Relief Clothing Drive**

St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd will both be participating in this year's Disaster Relief Clothing Drive along with the First United Methodist Church in Johnson City. New and gently used clothing items are needed to stock local and regional resources for distribution in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency.

Please consider donating between Ash Wednesday, February 14, and Palm Sunday, March 25. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

### PRAYERS FOR FR. WADE

Please continue to pray for the healing of Fr. Wade Russell. We are encouraged by the progress Fr. Wade has made since his stay in the hospital ended a couple of weeks ago. His family asks that we continue to support his recovery by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and asking for the intercession of St. Peregrine along with your Patron Saint.

Many have asked if Fr. Wade can have visitors at this time. Under the advice of his doctors, visits will be kept to a minimum until further notice. We are hopeful that Fr. Wade will be able to receive more visitors shortly.

"We, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another."

### FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Religious Education

St. Ferdinand

### Susan Moore, Director of RE

830-833-0444 or susan@stferdinandblanco.org

RE Office Hours: Sun. 9:00-10:50, Wed. 12:00-6:00

### PreK-8th grade: Sundays 9:30-10:40

Please pick up your children promptly at 10:40 so that catechists can arrive at 11:00 mass on time.

**February 11th** 9:30-10:40 First Communion Parent/Student meeting (Reconciliation)

**February 25th** Called to Protect for Children (PreK-5th) during regular classtimes

March 4th 1:00-3:00 First Communion Parent/Student meeting (The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass)

March 11th Spring Break begins No class

March 18th Classes resume

**April 1st** Easter Sunday No class

May 6th First Holy Communion

May 13th Mother's Day No Class

May 20th Last Day of Class

### Welcome New Families!!

If your family is new to the parish, or you just haven't been sure when or how to enroll in faith formation classes, please know you are most welcome to stop by any Sunday morning 9:30-10:40 to see our Religious Education program for PreK-8th grade, in the Religious Education Building directly across the parking lot from the church. Registration is available year round.

Called to Protect for Children is a sexual abuse education and prevention program that gives our youngest children practical tools, using simple activities, to help them understand a fundamental teaching of our faith: that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God and that this sacredness should be treated with respect. CTPC is developmentally appropriate and sequential for each age group K-5th. The program instructors are the teachers/ catechists the students already know. Information about Called to Protect for Children may be found at the Diocese of Austin website or at the RE office. Parishes in the Diocese of Austin are required to present Called to Protect for Children annually for our K-5th students. This program will be presented in regularly scheduled classes on February 25th. Please be sure your child is in attendance for this important class. For more information contact Susan Moore, DRE at 833-0444 or Emily C Hurlimann, LCSW, Coordinator, Office of Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, Diocese of Austin, at 512-949-2447. Preview materials are available to parents at anytime. If you prefer your child not attend the class, please stop by the RE Office to sign a waiver.

### Called to Protect for Children PreK Parent Video

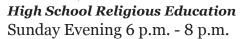
Parents of PreK students are invited to view a 10 minute video from the Called to Protect for Children sexual abuse education and prevention curriculum designed specifically for parents of young children. The video is available in English or Spanish and will be available for viewing on Sunday, February 25th during regular classtime. Parents may view the video during regular class times on most Sunday mornings, during RE office hours on Wednesdays (10-6), or by appointment. Please call Susan at 833-0444 to arrange for a time to see the video.

### YOUTH MINISTRY









### **Confirmation Preparation**

Any teens seeking Confirmation in 2018 must signup for RICH Youth Ministry and attend from 6-8pm on Sundays. Please visit stferdinandblanco.org/richyouth to register.

For all Youth Ministry inquiries contact James at james@stferdinandblanco.org or (979) 492-4644

### RICH RETURNS AT GOOD SHEPHERD!

All high school teens are encouraged to join us tonight at Good Shepherd in Johnson City. Free food! 6pm - 8pm.

### **Tonight at RICH:**

**Teens:** Who is Jesus? What do the Bible and Historical sources say about Him? How does His story affect my story? **Parents:** What's your favorite story? What did you learn from it? Wouldn't it be great to pass those lessons on to your children. It's essential to our faith to learn about who Jesus really is.

### FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CONT'D

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GOOD SHEPHERD

Margie Vasquez, Coordinator of RE margie@stferdinandblanco.org

### **Faith Formation Schedule:**

### Pre-K - 8th Grade

Sunday (After Mass) 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

### **Sacrament Class (First Holy Communion)**

Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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### Women's Bible Study

When: Thursday February 15, 1:00 PM Where: Good Shepherd RE Building

We will begin our 2018 studies with "Women in the Old Testament" Little Rock Scripture Study

God's saving deeds often came through the mind and will of amazing women using limited resources. Irene Nowell, OSB

### Let's find out how!

The Study is a 10 week study that includes a book and a workbook for \$16.00 If you are interested in the study and need a scholarship we have them available!

Contact Karen Gebhardt at 210-414-7301 or kgebhardt52@gmail.com if you have questions or are ready to order your study materials.

### **Contemplative Prayer Group**

The 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM is set aside for a time to rest in God's presence. We will resume our contemplative prayer as a group beginning November 14. Come give God 30 minutes just for Him. Come Behold the one Beholding you. The group will meet in the Church at Good Shepherd!

### SAINT OF THE WEEK: APOLLONIA (FEBRUARY 12)

The persecution of Christians began in Alexandria during the reign of the Emperor Philip. The first victim of the pagan mob was an old man named Metrius, who was tortured and then stoned to death. The second person who refused to worship their false idols was a Christian woman named Quinta. Her words infuriated the mob and she was scourged and stoned.

While most of the Christians were fleeing the city, abandoning all their worldly possessions, an old deaconess, Apollonia, was seized. The crowds beat her, knocking out all of her teeth. Then they lit a large fire and threatened to throw her in it if she did not curse her God. She begged them to wait a moment, acting as if she was considering their requests. Instead, she jumped willingly into the flames and so suffered martyrdom.

There were many churches and altars dedicated to her. Apollonia is the patroness of dentists, and people suffering from toothache and other dental diseases often ask her intercession. She is pictured with a pair of pincers holding a tooth or with a golden tooth suspended from her necklace. Saint Augustine explained her voluntary martyrdom as a

special inspiration of the Holy Spirit, since no one is allowed to cause his or her own death.

#### REFLECTION

The Church has quite a sense of humor! Apollonia is honored as the patron saint of dentists, but this woman who had her teeth extracted without anesthetic surely ought to be the patron of those who dread the chair. She might also be the patron of the aging, for she attained glory in her old age, standing firm before her persecutors even as her fellow Christians fled the city. However we choose to honor her, she remains a model of courage for us.



### SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### St. Mary, Help of Christians Cemetery Update

From Joe Crowley:

The Christmas Season is slowly being eclipsed by the approach of Spring and Easter. The weather, and North winds, we have had lately have pretty much put the Christmas decor on some of the sites at St. Mary's in a tired state. If you haven't already, and many have, please make it a point to go by St. Mary's and tidy up your loved one's site.

Remember, according to the rules of the Cemetery, and everyone should have a copy, the upkeep of a loved one's site is the responsibility of the family, not St. Mary's. We maintain the Church and grounds, not the individual sites.

A big Texas Thank You to Oscar Segura for keeping the grounds looking as nice as they do. Should you have a complaint, comment, or suggestion, please contact me.

Thank you,

Joe Crowley Caretaker St. Mary, Help of Christians, Catholic Church Twin Sisters, Texas 833-1213

#### 2018 Lenten Luncheons

The Blanco Ministerial Alliance invites you to the following Lenten Luncheons at various churches in the area:

Feb. 22 at Trinity Lutheran Church

Mar. 1 at First Baptist

Mar. 8 at St. Ferdinand

Mar 15 at New Hope-St. Michael's-Mt. Horeb-et.al.

Mar. 22 at BUMC



### PRAYER & FAITH RESOURCES

### **Mass Preparation**

February 18, 2018, First Sunday of Lent, Cycle B



### **Genesis 9:8-15**

God establishes a covenant with Noah, giving a rainbow as its sign.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25:4-5,6-7,8-9

A prayer praising God for his covenant

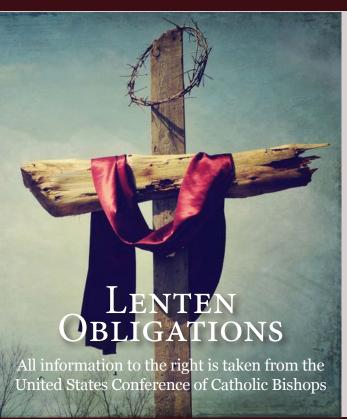
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

*In our baptism, we are saved through Christ's death and Resurrection.* 

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:12-15

*Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan.* 

### Prayer & Faith Resources, Cont'd



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, (to which we belong), the norms for fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. The meats we are to abstain from come from chicken, cows, sheep, or pigs. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat, such as broths, soups, gravies and sauces are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have taught that we should also abstain from these products.

Those excused from fasting and abstaining include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illness such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. Common sense should prevail. Ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

### What's Going On

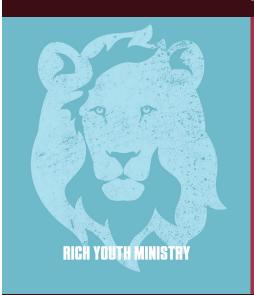


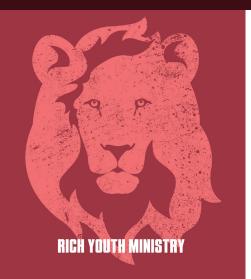
### **Mardi Gras Potluck**

All parishioners and community members are invited to a pot-luck in celebration of Fat Tuesday or *Mardi Gras* on Tuesday, February 13 at 6 pm in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share (Cajun and international foods are encouraged but not required). The parish will provide utensils, plates, cups, beverages, and king cake for dessert! Parishioners are encouraged to bring beads and other decorations as well. We hope to see you there!

Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler!

### RICH FUNDRAISER





### **RICH T-Shirts On Sale Now!**

This semester RICH will be focusing on getting to know the person of Jesus, *The Lion of Judah!* 

If you'd like to support RICH activities this semester, you may do so by purchasing one of our RICH youth ministry t-shirts. Tees are a \$10 suggested donation. To order your tee in either blue or mauve, please email james@stferdinandblanco.org

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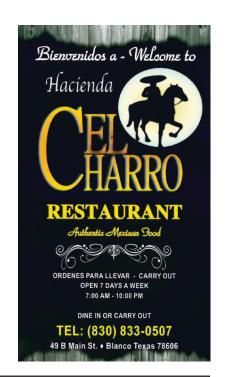
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Serving at St. Ferdinand's Parish Hall 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup> Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> \$10 / plate with all the trimmings



Thank you for all of your help in our Scholarship Fundraising efforts!

May God Bless you and your family! KC Council #14844

